

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3880 - HB 3796**

February 15, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Assigns the state employee staff responsible for the administration of the state employee health plan to the Department of Finance and Administration. Changes references of "Volunteer Rx" to "CoverRx" within Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-57-102. Requires approval in writing by the Department of Human Services for a vending facility within the provisions of the blind vendor program. Requires the written report on the status of the Cover Tennessee health care proposal be submitted to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate. Authorizes grant payments to certain qualified nursing home residents whose care is not paid for by any state or federal program to be paid monthly or quarterly.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

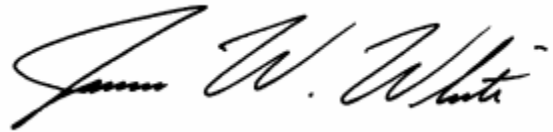
Assumptions:

- Assigning the state staff responsible for administering the state employee health plan to the Department of Finance and Administration codifies the current arrangement. Currently, the Finance and Administration Benefits Administration Division administers the state employee health plan.
- Executive Order No. 47, dated June 28, 2007, transferred administration of the Volunteer Rx program to the Department of Finance and Administration to consolidate with the administration of the Cover Tennessee programs. It was around this time that the program began to be known as the CoverRx program. There will be no fiscal impact to codify this name change.
- The annual written report on the status of the Cover Tennessee program is submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The statutory requirement for the Department of Finance and Administration is effective until June 30, 2010. It is estimated that there will not be a fiscal impact to include the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate as recipients of this report.

- Each year, an appropriation is made to fund the grants to eligible nursing home residents. Authorizing the grant payments to be paid quarterly or monthly will not result in an increase or decrease in the amount of appropriation for the grant program. The only change will be the frequency in which the payments are made.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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